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1. PROGRESS ON FOUNDRY AND FORGE TO SUPPORT LOCAL MANUFACTURE OF AUTO ENGINES PROJECTS AS REPORTED REF (1) HAS BEEN FURTHER DELAYED, AND COMPLICATED BY TWO BASIC CHANGES IN GOV PLANS FOR LOCAL AUTO INDUSTRY.

2. MINDEV AND LOCAL ASSAMBLERS ARE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO CHOIC OF DESIGN, AND MATERIAL, OF ENGINES WHICH MIGHT BE PRODUCED LOCALLY. ASSEMBLERS HAVE SUBMITTED PRELIMINARY REPEAT PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS WHICH ATTEMPT TO ADHE TO TWO NEW GOV GUIDELINES-
(
-) ONLY FOUR AND SIX-CYLINDER ENGINES AND (B) USE OF ALUMINUM WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

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3. MINDEV HAS STATED INTENT TO REPLY TO PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS OF ASSEMBLERS ENDOF JANUARY (MORE LIKELY SOMEWHAT LATER), WITH DETAILED PROPOSALS TO FOLLOW FROM ASSEMBLERS. MANUFACTURE OF TRANSMISSIONS NOT NOW ACTIVE ITEM ON MINDEV AGENDA.

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4. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT MINDEV MAY HAVE NECESSARY CRITERIA TO RESUME CONSIDERATION OF ANCILLARY FOUNDRY AND FORGE PROJECTS DURING THRID QUARTER OF 78. NO HARM WOULD BE DONE BY JERVIS B. WEBB CONTACTING MINDEV/US ASSEMBLERS DURING VISIT, BUT THIS PROJECT CLEARLY STYMIED AT PRESENT.

5. JERVIS WEBB AND OTHER US FIRMS INTERESTED IN VENEZUELAN FOUNDRY AND FORGE PLANTS SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED OF CVG PROJECT FOR SUCH FACILITIES. (SEE REFS 3 AND 4)
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